



Louisiana Department of Health
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Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) Level II Evaluations/COVID-19

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) continues to be committed to ensuring public health and safety in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in healthcare facilities, while ensuring compliance with federal requirements as it relates to the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level II process.

As supplementary guidance to the Healthcare Facility Notice provided on March 12, 2020 and updated on March 13, 2020, related to the immediate prohibition of all non-essential visitors for 30 days through April 10, 2020, LDH is reiterating the need to continue participation in PASRR processes. While standards for completion of PASRR Level II evaluations have traditionally been comprised of a face-to-face interview process, this requirement has been temporarily suspended and face-to-face evaluations are not to be conducted at this time. Level II evaluators are being asked to utilize other forms of communication such as telephonic interviews or HIPAA-compliant virtual meetings when this technology is available. In accordance with the prohibition of all non-essential visitors, this guidance is effective immediately and shall end on April 10, 2020, unless otherwise extended by written notice from the Department.

In order to ensure the timely processing of PASRR determinations, guidance has been provided to entities seeking Nursing Facility placement, informing them of revised standards for PASRR Level II evaluations, further requesting their collaboration in the evaluation process. If there are any questions, please contact the Office of Behavioral Health PASRR at (225) 342-4827 or OBH_PASRR@la.gov.